

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on March 7, 2007
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Hal Jacobson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. William J. Jones (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Alan Olson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Debby Barrett
Rep. Mary Caferro
Rep. Scott Sales

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dee Barfknecht, Committee Secretary
Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: SB 98, SB 101, SB 102
Executive Action: SB 101

HEARING ON SB 102

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:55 Sen. Greg Lind (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 102, Revise disaster mutual aid agreement law.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:53 Brian Crandell, Assistant Fire Chief, Central Gallatin Valley District
00:05:54 Robert Drake, Fire Chief, Tri-Lakes Fire Department, Lewis & Clark County
00:07:15 Jason Caughey, Fire Chief, Gore Hill Fire District, Cascade County

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:08:31 Dan McGowan, Administrator, Montana Disaster and Emergency Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:22 Rep. Ingraham
00:09:45 Mr. McGowan
00:10:41 Rep. Ingraham
00:11:03 Mr. McGowan
00:11:27 Rep. Dickenson
00:12:12 Mr. McGowan
00:12:56 Rep. Dickenson
00:13:02 Rep. Jacobson
00:14:03 Sen. Lind
00:14:11 Mr. McGowan
00:14:36 Rep. Jacobson
00:14:59 Rep. Malcolm
00:15:32 Mr. McGowan

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:17 Rep. Lind

HEARING ON SB 98

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:17 Sen. Dan Harrington (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 98, Revise laws governing legislature.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:49 Chairman Himmelberger
00:20:45 Sen. Harrington
00:21:27 Rep. Ingraham
00:21:53 Sen. Harrington
00:23:10 Rep. Ingraham
00:23:19 Sen. Harrington
00:23:59 Rep. Jacobson
00:24:35 Sen. Harrington
00:25:20 Rep. Jacobson
00:25:38 Sen. Harrington
00:25:43 Rep. Jacobson
00:25:49 Sen. Harrington
00:26:03 Rep. Phillips
00:27:14 Sen. Harrington
00:28:26 Rep. Dickenson
00:29:34 Sen. Harrington
00:29:59 Rep. Dickenson
00:30:46 Sen. Harrington
00:31:29 Rep. Dickenson
00:31:38 Sen. Harrington
00:32:20 Chairman Himmelberger
00:33:03 Sen. Harrington
00:34:24 Chairman Himmelberger
00:34:33 Sheri Heffelfinger
00:35:11 Rep. Wilmer
00:35:52 Sen. Harrington
00:36:24 Rep. Wilmer
00:36:50 Sen. Harrington
00:37:27 Rep. Henry
00:38:12 Sen. Harrington
00:38:43 Rep. Wilmer

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:54 Sen. Harrington

HEARING ON SB 101

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:39:30 Sen. Larry Jent (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 101, Commemorate original highway patrol building.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:43:39 Mike Tooley, Deputy Chief, Montana Highway Patrol

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:10 Rep. Hendrick
00:45:26 Sen. Jent
00:46:34 Rep. Malcolm
00:47:03 Sen. Jent
00:49:39 Rep. Jacobson
00:50:13 Mr. Tooley
00:51:12 Chairman Himmelberger
00:51:29 Sen. Jent
00:51:45 Rep. Wilmer
00:51:57 Sen. Jent

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:07 Sen. Jent

00:52:56 Break

02:04:46 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 101

02:06:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **SB 101 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Sales, Barrett, Olson, McNutt, Jones and Caferro voted by proxy. Rep. Hendrick will carry this bill.

ADJOURNMENT

02:10:32 Adjournment

REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([sth48aad.pdf](#))